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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WHOLE WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL BAN**

Indiana Code 13-20-14 states “ A whole waste tire may not be disposed of at a solid waste landfill after July 1, 1995.” The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), has determined how a whole tire may be altered so it is no longer a whole tire subject to the disposal ban.

The following IDEM policy outlines the acceptable methods to alter whole tires for disposal.

- 1) Cutting out the two sidewalls with the tread loop intact resulting in three (3) pieces; or
- 2) Shearing the tire across the center bead into four (4) roughly equal pieces or quarters.

Nothing in this notice should be construed to require a landfill to accept tires that have been altered by one of these two methods. A disposal facility may have policies requiring additional processing or may refuse to accept any waste tire material. It is also noted that solid core or foam filled whole tires are considered exempt from the whole tire disposal ban. For details, please request a copy of the Office of Land Quality guidance policy for land disposal of solid core tires and tires that have been altered by fire.

Remember too that anyone who operates a business collecting or processing scrap tires from tire retailers or other sources of waste tires is to obtain a waste tire management registration from IDEM to help insure responsible recycling or disposal of waste tires. If you would like a list of registered waste tire management companies in your area, or more general information about the Indiana Waste Tire Management Program, please contact Mr. C. Steven Poe, Coordinator of the Waste Tire Program at (800) 988-7901 or (317) 233-9341.